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Ms. Renata Hesse  
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Dear Ms. Hesse:

Over the past several months I have advocated for an end to the Microsoft case. I have written several letters on this subject to various officials. I repeatedly have said that the devastating events of September 11 further damaged our already weakened economy and that the technology sector has been having a particularly difficult time.

I also expressed the hope that a settlement will be reached soon and that any remedies imposed will focus on what is good for the consumer.

I now understand that a settlement is in the works. The summary I have looked at has particulars that cover a gamut of issues: from uniform pricing, to a redesign of Windows, to intellectual property rights, to a compliance committee. All of these elements contribute to a strong agreement that makes me hopeful that the end is in sight.

With our economy showing tremendous weakness, we need to do everything we can to encourage new products being brought to the market to stimulate consumer spending. Everyone involved in this case needs to get out of the courtroom and back to work.

I thank you for the opportunity to express my views.

Sincerely yours,